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Elba BOE approves several personnel matters in preparation for next school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, April 20, for the board's regular monthly meeting, and personnel matters highlighted the meeting's actions as the board works to stay ahead in preparations for next school year.

Ten employees at Elba High School were rehired by action of the board for the 2021-2022 school year. Of the ten, two teachers – Ashley Chappell and Al Gilmore – received tenure with their rehire.

Additional rehires at the high school for next year included teachers David Keel, Alyssa Spicer, Marc Sieving, Amber Thomas, Caiden Harrell, and Amanda Zorn. Also rehired were

aide Linda Tillis [through a catastrophic grant], and high school secretary Martha Pope.

Eighteen employees at the elementary school also were rehired by action of the board for the 2021-2022 school year. This action gave tenure to three elementary teachers – Claire Lambert, Rachel Morrow, and Kelly Wilson.

Additional rehires at the elementary school included teachers Sara Jones, Alayna Cook, Shelia Johnson, Rebekka Newell, Nichole Capps, Jeff Carpenter, Melissa Grantham, and Austin Johnson. Also rehired were aides Madison Johnson, Sydney Crittenden, and Darlene Burrow [through a catastrophic grant]; custodian William Richardson;

librarian Jessica Wyrordick; and nurse Maisie Edge.

Three system transportation rehires for the next school year were recommended by Superintendent Chris Moseley and approved by the board.

These included bus drivers William Craig, Edward

Tillis, and Ricky Mularz. Mularz received tenure with his rehire.

Evenlyn Manning was hired to be the CNP [Child Nutrition Program] manager for the school system. Also, in the CNP department, rehires for 2021-2022 were Cery Morgan, Maria

Juarez Martinez, and Tessa Watson.

Two new hires were approved for the elementary school for the 2021-2022 school year, including teacher Amanda Jeffcoat and special education teacher Kathryn Hall.

Also, during the meet-



TWO INJURED IN THURSDAY AFTERNOON WRECK... Local emergency personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle wreck Thursday afternoon, April 22, just after 2 p.m., at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis Community. Upon arrival on scene, they found that both vehicles suffered heavy damage with one still in the roadway (shown above). The other vehicle was off the roadway in the gully. The drivers of both vehicles were injured in the wreck; however, it was unclear at the time of the accident exactly how severe the injuries were to each person. Elba Police assisted with traffic control while members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department assisted Enterprise Rescue with immediate patient treatment on the scene. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

Elba Police make arrest following April 17th wreck with injuries

Elba Police made one arrest following the Saturday, April 17, two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Smith Avenue (Hwy. 125) in Elba.

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his officers arrested Isaias Gomez-Lopez, age 29, of Enterprise, Ala. He was the driver of a 2018 Dodge Stratus involved in the accident.

The other vehicle involved was a 2021 Buick Enclave. The driver of that vehicle was from Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Isaias Gomez-Lopez

Hussey said Gomez-Lopez was charged following the accident with three felony counts of failure to remain at the scene of an accident with injury [each count carried a \$15,000 bond], two counts of assault – second degree [\$15,000 bond each], and one count of assault – first degree [\$30,000 bond].

As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail on these charges.

"We are lucky no one got killed in this accident," Chief Hussey said. "One victim was on life support for a while, but he has since had surgery. It appears he is going to pull through."

Hussey added that there were four undocumented immigrants in the Dodge Stratus at the time of the accident – he said three were from Mexico and one was from Guatemala.

During Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, April 26th

Officials said Saturday's storms brought down over 30 trees in county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

While stormy weather created lots of concern Saturday, April 24, for residents in Coffee County,

Coffee County EMA director James Brown said Monday, April 26, during the Coffee County Commission meeting that overall the county fared well.

"We did keep everybody busy this past weekend on Saturday," Brown said.

He said there were two possible tornadoes in the county during the storms Saturday, but it might be difficult to get to the areas where the possible tornadoes hit due to them being in the woods. However, he

said officials would check these out if they are able to reach the areas.

Brown said his office noted some 36 trees fell on 29 different roads in the county on Saturday due to the storms. He said there were some reports of hail damage, along with two traffic accidents directly related to the storms, and two fires caused by lightning.

County engineer Marty

Lentz also noted a busy Saturday for the county's highway department due to the thunderstorms that moved through the area.

He said the employees of the highway department responded to 26 different roadways over the weekend for primarily trees down on the roads.

Lentz said the high sustained winds associated with the storms on Saturday covered most of the county.

Most matters needing approval from commissioners during Monday's meeting came from the engineer.

A few weeks ago, Lentz

said a F350 one ton truck experienced major engine failure. He said the estimate to repair was between \$8,000 - \$10,000 on this 2010 model truck with more than 170,000 miles. Therefore, he requested permission to replace that truck with the purchase of a 2015 F350 diesel truck currently on sale with the Alabama Department of Transportation's surplus sale in the amount of \$25,890.

If commissioners approved the purchase of the 2015 truck, he said he would in turn place the 2010 model truck on GovDeal.com for sale.

Commissioners approved the requests made by Lentz.

On April 14th, bids were opened for corrugated metal pipe. Three bids were received; however, Lentz said the bid amounts were substantially higher than what the county had been seeing for corrugated pipe.

He asked commissioners to reject these bids, which they

"Don't Drop It on Elba" rescheduled for Saturday, May 1st

The "Don't Drop It On Elba" spring clean up day originally scheduled for Saturday, April 24, was postponed due to last weekend's stormy weather. The event now will be held this Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Those interested in helping keep Elba clean by picking up trash are asked to be at TigerTown Park in downtown Elba prior to 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Clean up assignments will be given at that time.

After the trash has been picked up, all participants are asked to then gather at Elba Church of Christ at 11 a.m. for a free lunch.

For more information or to sign up ahead of time for the clean up day, call Sandy Bynum at the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net



Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley (left) congratulated longtime teacher Brian Weeks (right) last Tuesday evening, April 20, during the Elba BOE meeting for being selected recently as a "Class Act" teacher via the WSFA News. Moseley said Weeks, a 30-plus years educator at Elba, certainly was deserving of the recognition he had received through the spotlight.

Elba City Council appoints Johnny Senn to spot on Elba school board

During the Elba City Council meeting held June 1, 2021. A second to the motion was made by councilperson Johnathan Lockett, and the motion passed with no opposition.

Brunson said all council members were sent a biography on Senn prior to Monday evening's meeting.

Also, two airport authority members' terms were extended. Kenneth Calhoun and Jackie Windham were recommended by Mayor Tom Maddox to continue serving on the airport authority board with new 6-year terms.



COMMUNITY HELPERS DAY... The Pre-K students at Elba City Schools had a special treat last week when several community helpers brought their equipment to the school for the students to see and learn more about. Each year, the Pre-K program completes a study on community helpers, and that study concludes with "Community Helpers Day" with local police, firefighters, EMS, and others coming to the school to talk with the students and show off their equipment. Above, Elba firefighters talk with some of the students.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Always forgive your enemies. Nothing annoys them so much" – Oscar Wilde

Packing of the U. S. Supreme Court by adding as many as five additional members – bad idea. We agree that it would probably be a good idea to have some system of staggering the appointment of new judges to the court, but just adding more bodies to the group is not smart, probably creating more issues than it solves. Of course these days it is hard to do anything that 'pleases' even the majority, especially in cases decided by the Supreme Court.

Wearing mask outdoors – some experts are for it to continue and others say it is unnecessary. We play our politics and agree with the experts!

Public funding for Charter schools . . . those pushing the idea in Alabama want "my" tax dollars to follow "my" child. That triggers memories of negative comments we have heard for years from working adults who have no children but pay the same school taxes as the parent with ten children. Our occasional answer (and only legitimate one we can think of) to the latter adults is something like, "No you are just paying for the public education you personally got all those years ago."

The U. S. Census Bureau has issued new population numbers, by state, and Alabama will not be losing a member of the House of Representatives in the 2022 elections as political types had been holding their breath with worry over for the last couple of years. We were surprised to read that California was actually losing one House seat. Of course Texas is the hot spot in the population growth these days (much of it from California) and they are gaining two seats to go with the 36 they already elect every two years. Florida also gets one more. Those losing a seat due to population drop (in addition to California) were all East of the Mississippi River: Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

After 106 years why would President Biden go out of his way to officially declare the death of 1.5 million people in the Ottoman Empire so long ago was genocide? It is not like he has nothing in America to occupy his thinking and efforts. This event has been debated by government officials and others for many years. Our take on this issue is that officially condemning it all these years later serves only to anger the people of Turkey (our friends). No one should be proud of the events that lead to the death of so many ethnic Armenians, but at the same time no one on earth today had any remote involvement in those shameful events, nor was the United States any way involved. Therefore, again we ponder, 'who is pulling the President's chain to make that profound, (also offensive to the folks of what is now Turkey) announcement'?

Tuesday was the anniversary of the day in 1952 when Rocky Marciano was named the heavyweight boxing champion of the world by knocking out Joe Walcott. He ended his career in 1956 at about 32 years of age as the only undefeated champ and at the time was considered by many as the greatest boxer who ever stepped into the boxing ring (and maybe still be). Years later he died in a plane crash while on a business trip. It would be interesting to know how many people remember that he ever lived.

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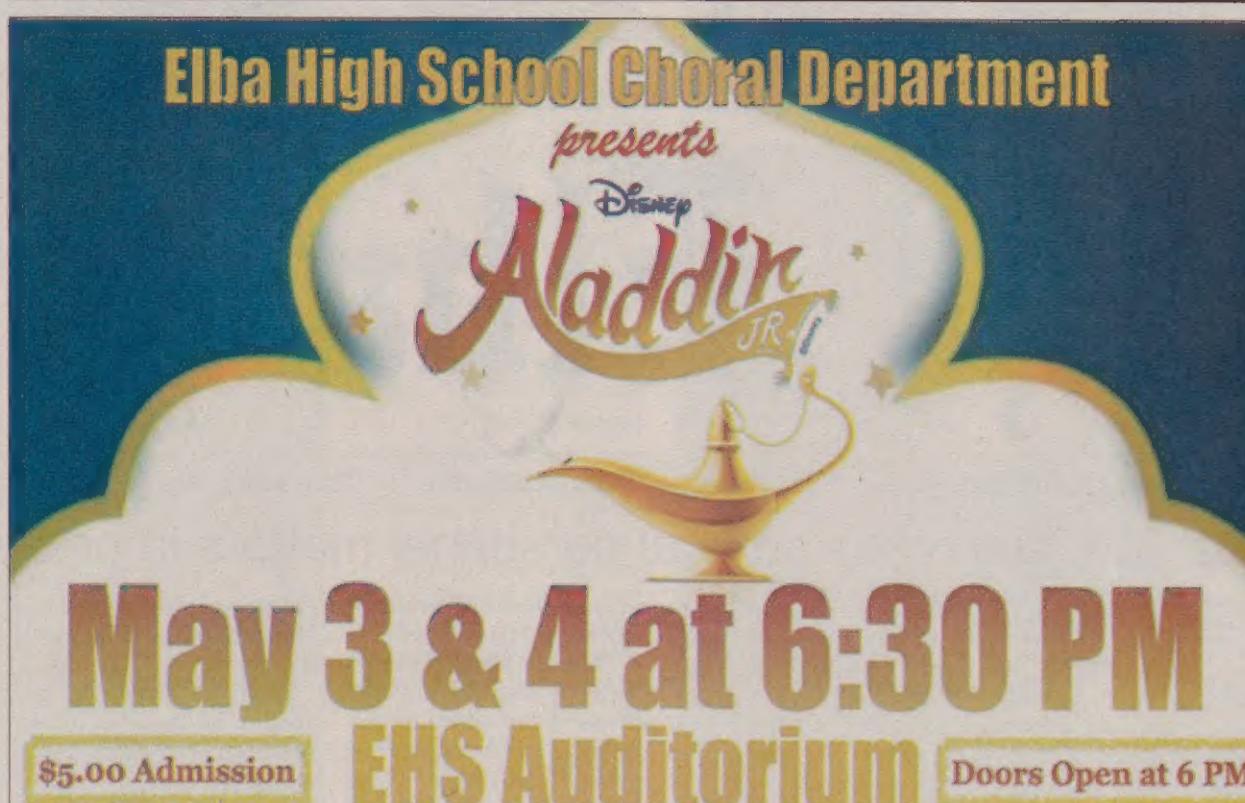
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EDITORIAL



Cuzin Lou Lou fell "under the weather" this week with a mean 'ole sinus infection, and she just couldn't get her Tales from Yonder ready by press time as she was hindered by the constant sniffles and coughs...Sister says Lou Lou was being a "big baby" about the whole thing! Truth is...Lou Lou probably was because she is a terrible "sick person" and most likely very difficult to deal with during such times...Regardless, Lou Lou wanted to encourage all who will to buy tickets and support the Aladdin Jr. presentation next week at Elba High School. Lou Lou is doing everything she can to feel better before the show dates because she is super excited about this production and plans to be in the crowd one of the evenings watching these talented young people perform their hearts out! Come join Lou Lou and the rest of the Yonder gang, and support this show. Tickets are only \$5 per person and can be purchased at the school! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and Monday, April 26, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, April 20 – Harassing communications reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (12:58 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 737 Lee St (7:27 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2731 Marilyn St (10:03 a.m.); Fight reported at 375 Hwy 203 (11:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Davis St E (1:09 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1285 Ann St (3:50 p.m.); Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported on Gibson St (4:40 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 109 Court Ave (7:00 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations, and two written warnings.

Wednesday, April 21 – Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd (8:22 a.m.); Debris in the roadway reported at Hwy 84/Hwy 203 (2:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Davis St W (5:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Old Samson Rd (7:08 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported on the Troy Hwy (7:12 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Reese Ave (8:01 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 835 Troy Hwy (8:04 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (8:15 p.m.). There were

eight traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in six written warnings, and two citations.

Thursday, April 22 – Burglary reported at 863 Reese Ave (6:55 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 737 Lee St (7:27 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2731 Marilyn St (10:03 a.m.); Fight reported at 375 Hwy 203 (11:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Davis St E (1:09 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (2:12 p.m.); Sex offense reported to Elba Police (3:00 p.m.); Fight reported at 1004 Martin Luther King Dr (4:22 p.m.); Fight reported at 615 Jackson Ave (7:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1050 Garrett St (9:27 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in four citations, and two written warnings.

Friday, April 23 – Animal complaint reported

on Hwy 84 (6:54 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1303 Neil Grantham Dr (7:04 p.m.); Gas drive-off reported at 221 Davis St E (8:07 p.m.). There were 11 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in nine citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Saturday, April 24 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 2450 Industrial Blvd (1:15 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Edgewood Dr (2:28 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 213 Taylor Ave (5:14 a.m.); Tree down reported on County Rd 355 (7:41 a.m.); Fire reported at 1589 Forest Lake Dr (8:32 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 1525 County Rd 404 (12:43 p.m.); Tree down reported at 860 Old Samson Rd (4:12 p.m.); Tree down reported on Stroud Ave (4:13 p.m.); Tree down reported at 661 Davis St E (6:32 p.m.); Tree down reported on Hwy 87 (6:42 p.m.); Tree down reported on County Rd 400 (8:45 p.m.); Assault reported at 1113 Oak Ave – an arrest was made (9:03 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1123 Deal St (9:54 p.m.); Livestock on the roadway on Hwy 125 (10:29 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (11:16 p.m.).

Sunday, April 25 – Disturbance reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (1:10 a.m.); Prowler reported at 389 Old Samson Rd (3:30 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported on Martin Luther King Dr (8:10 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 113 County Rd 367 (8:38 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 381 Tiger Dr (4:57 p.m.); Burglary reported at 3096 County Rd 404 (5:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a citation issued.

Monday, April 26 – Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (7:02 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 824 Davis St E (7:48 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1207 Farris Ave (10:38 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings, and two detail complete.

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Coffee County Schools announce Kindergarten Registration dates

Due to COVID 19 restrictions registration for Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Alabama.

Only one adult may accompany each child to registration. No siblings will be allowed to enter the building.

If child is not presently enrolled in the Coffee County Schools PreK program he/she will need to accompany you to registration for screenings.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1. A child enrolling in a Coffee County School for the first time must present the following documentation prior to enrollment:

1. Proof of age – birth certificate

2. A valid social security number is voluntary

3. Certificate of Immunization for the State of Alabama

4. Proof of residency – (2)

Registration will be 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center – New Brockton, Alabama on the following dates:

New Brockton Elementary – Monday, May 10th

Kinston Elementary – Wednesday, May 12th

Zion Chapel Elementary – Friday, May 14th

For additional information, contact the child's school counselor.

KINSTON – 334-565-3027
Danny Branch, Principal
Megan Driggers, Assistant Principal

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NEW BROCKTON – 334-894-6152
Holli Richardson, Principal
Jared Robison, Assistant Principal

Hope Bowers, Counselor

ZION CHAPEL – 334-897-6275
Matt Barton, Principal
D'Andra Tingey, Assistant Principal

Emily Roberts, Counselor

News Brief:

A two-vehicle crash involving a motorcycle Wednesday, April 25, at approximately 3:25 p.m. claimed the life of a Coffee County man, James Kenneth Conneway, age 64, of Enterprise.

The crash occurred when a 2005 GMC Sierra traveling north on Alabama Highway 87 failed to yield right of way for oncoming traffic. As a result, the GMC struck the 2008 Kawasaki Vulcan driven by Conneway, who was transported to an area hospital for immediate medical attention, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The crash occurred approximately 10 miles south of Troy city limits. Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

We here at Enterprise State and the Alabama Aviation College are committed to recruiting students from the schools and communities in the Wiregrass, and I am excited to have Cassie Gibbs and Cayden Hess join our recruitment team," Rodgers said. "Along with their personal connections to the College, Cassie and Cayden both have a strong desire to provide our students with opportunities to further their education and enter the workforce. They are going to work well with our lead recruiter Emily Baker, and I know we will see amazing things from this group."

Cassie Gibbs will serve the College as the recruiter for the Alabama Aviation College, a unit of Enterprise State. Gibbs has been at the College since August 2019, where she served as the Communication Marketing Specialist in the Public Relations Department. She will bring her knowledge of ESCC and AAC to her new position as well as her skills in communication, marketing and social media management. Previous to her time at the College, she worked as a staff writer for The Southeast Sun/Daleville Sun-Courier.

A native of Sweet Water, Gibbs received both her bachelor's degree in English and her master's degree in Strategic Communication from Troy University.

"I am very excited to join the recruitment team at ESCC and the Alabama Aviation College," Gibbs said. "While I've been at the College the last year and a half, I have seen firsthand just how much this College has done and can do for its students and community. I am so ready to meet potential students so I can share all the great opportunities available to them and help them take those first steps toward their future."

Cayden Hess is serving as the newest recruiter for the ESCC campus. Previous to joining the ESCC team, Hess worked as a brand specialist for Crazy Cool & Company and graphic designer for Enterprise Printing and Signs. She is bringing her skills in media management, marketing and event planning to the role.

Hess is a 2019 graduate of ESCC, where she received her associate degree. While attending ESCC, Hess was an active member of the Camerata, Concert Choir and ESCC Entertainers; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association; and the WOW Team. After attending ESCC, Hess received her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Troy University. She is currently completing her master's degree in Strategic Communication from Troy University.

"I am so honored to be back at Enterprise State Community College," Hess said. "My time here as a student challenged me to dream big and pursue more, so I cannot wait to help students do just that while taking those next steps in furthering their education. I cannot wait to meet you all. Go Weevils!"

Gibbs and Hess are joining current ESCC Recruiter and Career Coach, Emily Baker. Both recruiters started their new roles on April 7. ESCC President Matt Rodgers said both Gibbs and Hess will be great additions to the ESCC recruiting team.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

JESSICA CUMBY

FARMER

Ms. Jessica Cumby Farmer, age 41, a resident of Dothan, Ala., died Friday, April 23, 2021, in Dothan.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 26, 2021, at Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial donations, are asked to do so to Ino Baptist Church, 6157 Hwy 134, Kinston, AL 36453.

Survivors include her mother: Rhonda Dreyer Jewell, Dothan; father: Watson (Sandra) Cumby Jr., Columbus, Ga.; and a brother: Andrew Gordan Cumby, Dothan.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Culon Davis

officiating. Burial followed in the Hudson Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 28, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Flowers were accepted, or those wishing to make memorials donations, are asked to do so to the Hudson Cemetery Fund, c/o 844 County Road 346, Elba, AL 36323.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Lois and Lotus Hudson.

Survivors include his wife: Sheila Hudson, Elba; son: Troy (Susan) Hudson, Elba; daughter: Toni (Steve) Overby, Dothan, Ala.; stepdaughter: Tammy (Tim) Williamson,

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JARED NORMAN ENGLISH

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

This was the favorite Bible verse of Jared Norman English, who ascended to Heaven on Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2021, on his way home from his favorite place-church-where he did his favorite thing: worship God through leading the congregation in song. Albeit brief by most standards, his life which ended a mere week shy of his thirty-third birthday held measures of fullness and richness more often seen in those spanning far more years.

Utterly joyful from the day he was born on April 26, 1988, in Montgomery, Alabama, Jared awoke happy every morning with coos and giggles. His college piano teacher remarked on his contagious enthusiasm anjoy for life, lighting up the university hallways with his very presence. Always wearing a smile with a ready laugh on the verge, he relished invoking laughter from others.

Jared loved people freely, fully, and unconditionally, with no consideration of age, financial status, skin color, or other superficiality, and with no apparent limit. His mother says, "He didn't know how to love just a little bit; he loved big."

Known to initiate conversations with anyone anywhere, Jared in his gregarious nature defied the stereotypical traits of Asperger's Syndrome, the condition with which he was born. This defiance played out in all areas of his life as his condition proved to be a gift rather than a detriment.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. - 2 Corinthians 12:9

This perceived weakness became the powerful instrument God used to shine His light to others through Jared. Absolute faith in God was the most important thing in Jared's life aside from his family. He prayed with full expectation that his prayers would be answered. He never shied away from sharing his faith and encouraging others to experience God's blessings. He invited everyone he met to join him at church-coworkers, bandmates, people at the gym, his barber, restaurant servers, strangers-everyone. Very often, Jared's invitations yielded people showing up to worship with him.

Beyond faith and family, Jared pursued many interests. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He avidly followed all Troy University Trojan sports, seldom missing a game, and University of Alabama Crimson Tide football. As much as he loved the latter, he remained quick to clarify that Troy would always be his favorite. He enjoyed working out at his gym six days a week; he was an excellent cook and loved to try new recipes; and he adored his cat Simba, whom he had rescued as a severely malnourished kitten and nurtured into full health. He also loved photography, travel, bicycling, camping, and kayaking.

No greater passion, though, held sway over Jared than music. His first piano teacher noticed that he was devouring his music lesson books, skipping ahead of her assigned lessons each week. She also discovered that he had perfect pitch around age 11. His prowess included composing, arranging, and editing music. In high school, he earned the National Piano Guild Award four consecutive years, along with State Finalist in the Alabama Young Soloist piano competition and several All-State Band and All-State Soloist awards.

In college at Troy, Jared played percussion in the famed Sound of the South Marching Band; sang tenor in the Collegiate Singers; was chosen as sweetheart of Tau Beta Sigma music sorority; and landed internships at Atmosphere Recording Studio and Ariana Productions in Montgomery and at Red Hot Jingles in Nashville. He earned his baccalaureate degree in music, with primary instrument as piano, in 2014.

As his musical abilities and interests evolved, Jared's greatest joy came to be leading the worship music in church. He spent all his free time studying and listening to worship music. A graduate of the Worship Leader Institute, Jared participated each week in the Middle Tennessee Friday Night Singings. By invitation, he was a featured song leader each year at Songfest in Cullman, Alabama. He coordinated and conducted a monthly worship service at Carrick Glen assisted living facility in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. Jared maintained an extensive collection of hymns and could name almost any song in any hymnal by memory. In addition to sacred music, he played percussion in both the Cedar Creek Community Band and in the Nashville Community Concert Band, which honored him with the Players Inner Circle award in 2019, chosen by vote of the entire band membership.

A member of Jared's church in Nashville wrote in a letter to his mother: Jared left us with the ability to love everyone, in spite of differences. He left us with the realization of how God can transform a life into what He can use in His Kingdom, when one is open and willing. He was a welcome and refreshing light that illuminated the church! He inspired those who struggled with his "can do anything I put my mind to" attitude. I know when we get to Heaven, Jared will be one of our Song Leaders, smiling from ear to ear, with his hand up, helping us all stay in harmony. Thank you for sharing your beautiful boy with us. We are the better for knowing and loving our precious Jared.

A gift for all eternity as an example of God's purest work, Jared Norman English was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Joe Farris and Martha Lois Davis English; and his brother, Glenn Alan Davis.

He is survived by his parents, Paul Wesley and Cara Leigh English Catrett; his brother, Wesley Thomas Catrett and wife Shay; his paternal grandparents, Whitman Levi and Nellie Pearl Catrett; and scores of relatives, friends, and siblings in Christ from Elba to Opp to Troy to Nashville, and everywhere else his journey took him.

Funeral Services were held for Jared on Monday, April 26, 2021, at the Elba Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at the church.

Contributions in memory of Jared English can be made to: Christian Student Center, 703 University Avenue, Troy, Alabama 36081 or www.troycsc.org

Mark Those Calendars for Upcoming Events in Elba:

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- June 19th: Juneteenth Celebration
- July 3rd: Let Freedom Ring

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Many funeral expenses will be eligible for reimbursement, such as:

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- use of funeral home equipment or staff
- cremation or interment costs
- cost of the marker or headstone.

These are just some of the costs that may be eligible for reimbursement. Many other costs may be deemed acceptable as well. You can call your funeral home to check what costs may be eligible.

If you plan to hold a memorial service in the future or have not yet purchased items such as a monument or any other funeral service/merchandise, you should plan to meet with your funeral home as soon as possible to start the necessary paperwork so you can take full advantage of your FEMA reimbursement funds.

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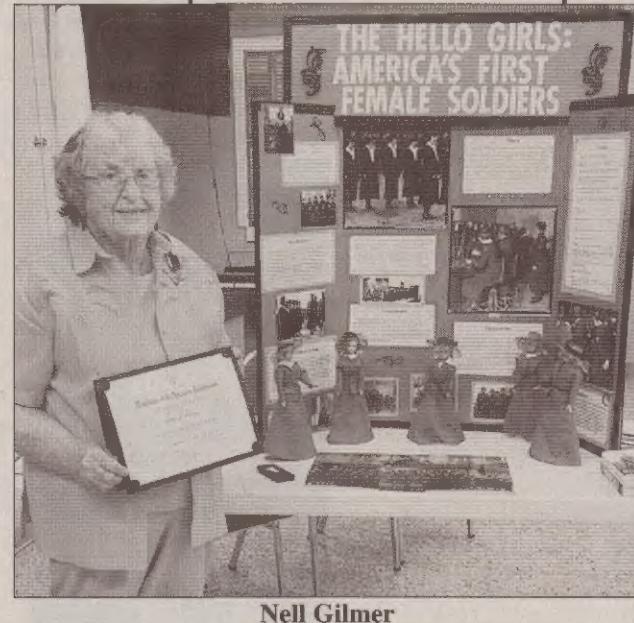
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If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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LIFESTYLES

Gilmer speaks to DAR chapter on "Hello Girls"



Nell Gilmer

Nell Gilmer, Regent of the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, spoke to the membership at their first meeting as a group in over a year due to COVID on the legendary "Hello Girls."

Hello Girls was the colloquial name for 233 American female switchboard operators in WWI, formally known as the Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit. During WWI, these switchboard operators were sworn into the U.S. Army Signal Corps, which was formed in 1917. They worked long hours, often under combat conditions manning their positions even when faced with hostile fire.

After the war, they were not recognized as "veterans" and didn't receive any benefits until the 80s after a long legal battle, they were finally recognized for their service.

In the photo to the left, Gilmer is holding a certificate that was given to Lindsay Thomas, her granddaughter, who was recognized for this project with a Certificate of Award for "Outstanding History Fair Exhibit" by the Pensacola Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with a DAR Award of Excellence in History Medal.

For information about joining DAR, contact the club Registrar, Cathy Tallino, at mrsnorwop@yahoo.com.



THE 2021 MISS ZION CHAPEL PAGEANTS WERE HELD Saturday, April 24th. Winner were: (front row, left to right) Sophie Prescott, Petite Miss Zion Chapel 2021; Allie Bunt, Little Miss Zion Chapel 2021; Paisley Allen, Future Little Miss Zion Chapel 2021; (back row, left to right) Faith Adcock, Teen Miss Zion Chapel 2021; Hannah Arnold, Miss Zion Chapel 2021; Ashley McKenzie, Junior Miss Zion Chapel 2021; and Annlea Taylor, Preteen Miss Zion Chapel 2021.



A birthday memory celebration was held for the late James William Hooks on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the rural home of Susie Hooks-Goins (the original Hooks home) where the children were raised. Attending were many of the many of the grand and great grandchildren. The land and house were purchased about 68 years ago. It was hosted by his grandchildren Katerene, Tom and Evone. His children that helped included Joel (Janice), Willie (Trish), James Jr. (Mary) and Charles.

In attendance was the youngest great granddaughter, Emi Grace Hooks; oldest son James Hooks Jr. and the oldest daughter Estella Hooks.

The family was joined during the day by many friends and other relatives of James and family members.

The photo above is of relatives enjoying the celebration.

News from New Hope Sr. Center

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center spotlights its employees! This month the light shines on James Moultrie. Mr. James has been employed with New Hope Senior Center since 2015 after the loss of our former driver Arillian "Bonnie" Woodard. He was enrolled as a participant when he was offered this position, and he gladly accepted. Mr. James is loved by the entire community and the New Hope Senior Center family.

"Pop" as he is affectionately known, enjoys doing yard work, spending time with family/friends and helping others. "Pop" is married to Virginia Moultrie. He is a member of St. John Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon.

On behalf of County Commissioner Kim Ellis, senior center coordinator Patti Culver and New Hope Senior Center director Conzuela Banks: Salute to James "Pop" Moultrie and thank you for a job well done.



Raised Bed Gardening

Workshop held in Elba

This past April, the Coffee County Extension office hosted a raised bed gardening workshop in Elba.

Gavin Mauldin, Coffee County Extension Coordinator, explained what the Giving Garden is and why it was started. The Giving Garden is a project of Restoration154, Inc., an Elba, Alabama-based nonprofit. Currently, there are 20 raised beds and a tunnel house on site. All of the produce grown at The Giving Garden is distributed at The Elba Community Food Bank.

Megan Jones, Alabama Extension-Home Grounds, defined raised bed gardening as a form of gardening 3-4 foot wide beds, which can be of any length or shape. The soil is raised above the surrounding soil, 6 inches to waist high, enclosed by a frame generally made of wood, rock, or concrete blocks, and enriched with a soil compost mix. A few advantages to raised bed gardening include maximizing space when it is limited, it can be a solution to poor or rocky soil conditions, it can be constructed to meet accessibility needs, and it can improve drainage.

A hands-on planting exercise was planned for the workshop, but was postponed due to the possibility of rain. However, after the workshop, Gavin Mauldin gave a tour of the raised beds, while answering questions about the Giving Garden's history, and plans for this spring.

To volunteer at the Giving Garden or to find out more information on possible upcoming Extension workshops, please contact Gavin Mauldin at (334)894-5596.

Elba Public Library needs volunteers!



We are in the middle of planning our Summer Learning Program at the library.

Volunteers are much needed!

If you like working with children, or you are interested in volunteering, come by the library, or email us at library@elbaal.gov for a volunteer application.

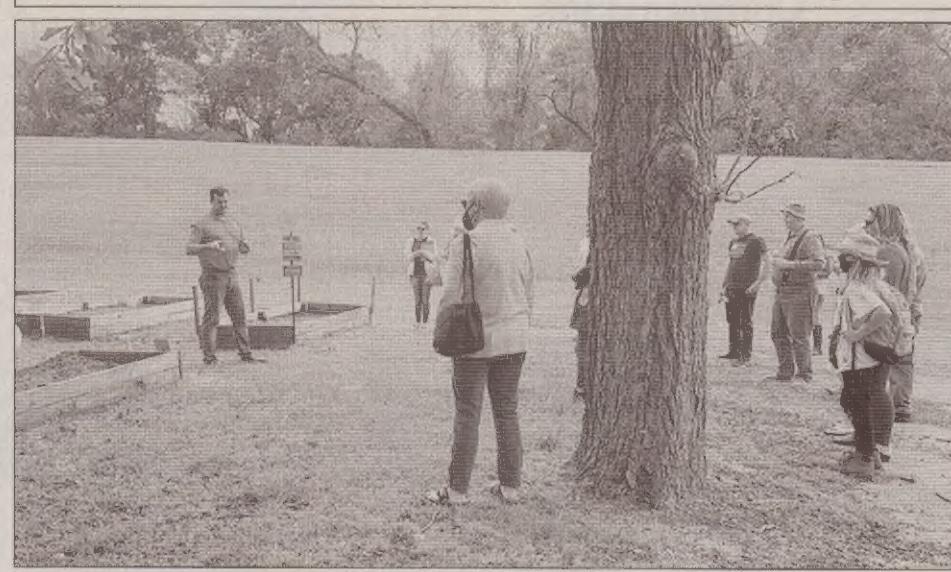
You can also call 334-897-6921 for more info.

We will have fun things happening this summer!!

Also at the Elba Public Library!!

Children's Book Week May 3 - 9

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Coffee County Extension

Coordinator Gavin Mauldin gave a tour of the raised beds at the Giving Garden in Elba during the recent raised bed workshop hosted by the Coffee County Extension office.

A planting day for the garden should be set soon for those interested in helping.

Happy Birthday
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April 27th

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Elba, 606 Simmons Street

It Starts with Me

The 2021 Oscars aired Sunday night. I did not watch it, but Tyler Perry's Jean Hershot Humanitarian Award acceptance speech filled the headlines Monday morning. The following quote offers timely advice to combat the ongoing division evident in America, even if you haven't been directly affected by it. Perry says, "My mother taught me to refuse hate...to refuse blanket judgement."

When I think about that life lesson, I begin wondering how children learn to hate and when stereotypes start to form. Sure, some of it comes naturally as we interpret personal experiences, but when I watch my two-year-old daughter interact with people differing in age, ethnicity, and economic status, it's obvious she never hates or judges. How beautiful it is to watch children who have not been corrupted by things such as music, movies, friends, and family, accept one another as equals.

You might say that Perry's mother was a genius for raising her son in such a way, but the practice of refusing hate and blanket judgement has been the mission of each one committed to following the example of Christ. The Gospels record the earthly ministry of Jesus, and each writer describe numerous occasions were Jesus loved when others would not. He shattered divisive traditions that hindered God's plan for humanity. One of my favorite examples is found in John 4:1-42 where Jesus (a Jew) encounters a Samaritan woman at a well. Allow me to highlight two of the many significant details. First, Jews and Samaritans had 500 years of hatred for each other since the northern kingdom of Israel intermarried with the Babylonians while captive and the southerns did not. In short, Jews considered Samaritans "half-breeds" unworthy of forgiveness or salvation. Not only should this have steered Jesus away, but secondly, this woman was not accepted by her own for her reputation. Even though Jesus knew everything about her, he used her to help many more Samaritans believe in him. (John 4:39-41)

I understand that Perry's references and feuds like that of Jews and Samaritans might not be rampant in Elba, but I am not so naive as to believe there is no division among us. I hear division in gossip. I see it in gestures. I read it on social media. Yes, we are all guilty at times. We will not resolve all the world's conflict, but we can make a difference in our community. Colossians 3 offers a strategy for change. 3:14 states, "Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity." This passage was lived out in the lives of two middle aged African American men who paused their Sunday afternoon plans to change a tire for two elderly Caucasian women at a local gas station just this week. We refuse hate and blanket judgement by putting on love, then raising our children to do the same. Communities rarely change overnight, but I can say by saying, "It starts with me!" You can too.

** The author for the Pastor's Corner feature in May will be Rev. Keith Ellison of Harris Temple COGIC.

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LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN**

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Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real
and Children's Activities) . . .
6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 3:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**ECANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
TABERNACLE**

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
TABERNACLE**

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Robert Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**

Remond Smith, Pastor

Church School . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Levell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

Victoria Baptist Church planning Homecoming service for May 2nd

Victoria Baptist Church announces its Homecoming celebration set for Sunday, May 2, 2021.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. with former pastor Reverend Larry Doster delivering the message. There will be worship, special music and a history of the church.

All former members and other friends are urged to attend. Due to COVID-19 dangers, there will not be the traditional lunch following the worship service.

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church plans Food Drive Give-Away for Sunday, May 16th

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 720 East Davis Street, Elba, Ala., will host a Food Drive Give-Away on Sunday, May 16, immediately following the morning service.

All are invited to join the Greater New Zion Church family as it feeds others during the Food Drive Give-Away. Attendance during the service is not mandatory to receive the food; however, the church members would love for all to join them to worship.

Additionally, are invited any Sunday. Stop in and register with a member of the Greeters Ministry for a complimentary gift bag and visitor's packet.

The church is located on Coffee County Road 306, in the Glenwood community.

Greater New Zion M.B. Church plans

Friday, May 7, Muffins with Mom event

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 720 East Davis St., Elba, Ala., will host Muffins with Mom on Friday evening, May 7, from 6-7 p.m.

This is open to the community.

Basin Baptist Church to host VBS in June

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy. 189 S, Elba, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School this June!

VBS will be June 13 - 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night. It will conclude with

New Hope Senior Center seeking new clients to serve

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new clients. To participate in the center's programs, senior citizens must be 60 years of age or older. For additional information, contact New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks at (334) 735-5433.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord the Shepherd of His people. Psalm 23:1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

New Glorious Church Family, NLC Mt. Holly Church, Family of the late Elma Brock, NLC Carlisle Church, Angie Dawson, Jamie Brockton, Monique Hutchinson, Michael Hutchison, Dea. J.L. Williams

them. It was then she knew her fears were unfounded.

These were her children, no matter the bloodline. Paul taught the same things: there is no distinction between Jew and Greek to the Heavenly Father. Do you view people as He does? - P.M.

**Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of
4/29/2021**

**April Birthdays /
Anniversaries**

Donta Tillis 4/13

Alfred Blue 4/13 (in memory)

Emmett/Debbie W. Bright 4/13 W.A.

Foy Belcher 4/14 (in memory)

Mason/Jackie Gulley 4/14 W.A.

Apprasia Edwards 4/15 Wesley J. Kelley 4/16 Martavious Gray 4/16 Mittie B. Edwards 4/17 (in memory)

Bessie T. Williams 4/18 Shakeitha Edwards 4/18

Trey Belcher 4/19

Saying That Makes Sense

Grace: Getting What We Don't Deserve

Mercy: Not Getting What We Do Deserve

**Questions for the Week of
5/6/2021**

Q: Whom did Jesus come to call to repentance?

Q: Name the disciples that stood before Jesus as He transfigured before them on a mountain.

**Today is a good day! Be
grateful.**

Eria's Daughter, Sue

**Church
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due on
Mondays!**

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNIT- ED METHODIST CHURCH

Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PUREDEE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL OF GOD

Mark Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL OF GOD - CARMEL

Tom C. Crummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
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Starting Salary: \$13.36/hr

OPENING DATE:
April 27th, 2021

CLOSING DATE:
May 7th, 2021

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2020 Census shows Alabama's population at 5.03 million people

due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This was by far the most time and resources that Alabama state government has ever given toward a census count, and I am happy that our efforts and hard work have paid off," said Kenneth Boswell, chairman of the Alabama Counts! Committee and director of ADECA. "Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Ivey and the dedicated work of all our many partners at all levels, we have succeeded in achieving an accurate count and fair representation."

The U.S. Census Bureau announced the statewide population totals and Congressional apportionment results for each of the states Monday afternoon as part of the first release of data collected during the 2020 Census. Alabama's statewide total population has increased from the total population of 4.8 million in the 2010 Census.

Among the state's key successes in 2020 Census response period were:

- Higher self-response rate than the 2010 Census
- 47 counties exceeded their final 2010 self-response rates
- Many Black Belt counties performed at or above 2010 levels

The data released on Monday is limited to statewide population totals only. The more detailed county, city and census tract level data needed for legislative redistricting will be released in August and September, according to the Census Bureau.

Throughout the 2020 Census, Governor Ivey led efforts in alignment with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Counts! 2020 Census Committee to ensure participation numbers statewide reflected a proper Alabama representation.

ADECA's efforts started in 2017 and continued with the Alabama Counts! Committee, a dedicated team effort of hundreds of individuals and groups working together since August 2018. The effort included a multifaceted campaign throughout 2020 that included grassroots outreach, public events and advertising. The effort was forced to adjust strategies and tactics several times

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC 2021 - 029

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of April 2021 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LLOYD COLE Deceased

Case No: PC 2021-030

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 13th day of April, 2021, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Lloyd Cole, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 15th day of April, 2021

Jodee R. Thompson
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JUDGE OF PROBATE
4/29-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: CV-2021-00002

THOMAS ELSBERND AND LINDA ELSBERND, PLAINTIFFS, VS. DONNA C. CROOKS AND SHARON COON, DEFENDANTS.

Notice of Publication

To: SHARON COON you are being served by publication in a civil action where the plaintiff is seeking

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I got the chance to talk with our grandson Lawson a couple of afternoons last week when I took him home and am constantly amazed at how my little man at age ten has actually grown into a 'little man.' He told me about the environment, what was going on at school and the personality of a new student that speaks both Spanish and English. There is no doubt we are truly blessed!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers played an extra baseball game* last week and rolled to a lopsided win to close the season with a four-game winning streak. The Tigers had a five-game winning streak early in the season and ended the season with a four-game streak, which takes away a little of the pain from the long ten-game losing streak in the middle of the season. The team didn't post a winning record and also failed to make the playoffs, but did go with a bang.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers played only one game* last week and closed the area schedule with a lopsided loss, at home. While many teams in the Wiregrass area have played somewhere between twenty and thirty games, the Lady Tigers have played only 13, and I guess it showed last week as they committed seven errors in the area loss. Maybe the girls will have more juice in their tanks due to more rest than their upcoming opponents. However, there is nothing better than actual game experience.

*** *The high school baseball season* opened the state playoffs last week with the Kinston Bulldogs moving on with a doubleheader sweep over Choctaw County. The Bulldogs have been a solid 1A team all season and showed last week that they did indeed deserve a post-season berth. New Brockton drew third-ranked T.R. Miller in its 3A playoff opener and were simply no match as they were swept in the opening round doubleheader. The Gamecocks may not have had a very good record, but the team is loaded with talented youngsters and may be a year or two away from being a contender.

*** *The high school softball season* will begin its area tournaments next week and what once looked like an exciting time for area fans suddenly has a lot of question marks. Brantley is as good as advertised and should have a solid shot at taking home the 1A crown, but Kinston lost its best player due to a knee injury and all of the sudden appears vulnerable, while New Brockton has been in a slump at the plate in recent games and will have to revive its excitement toward the game in a hurry just to make it out of the area. Zion Chapel simply isn't ready to make a run, but it too is young and should have better days ahead.

*** *With the high school seasons coming to an end* I have to stop and give a huge thanks to the folks at GameChanger for allowing me to use its internet service to provide coverage to all the teams in the area. As a one man sports department it is a little hard to make it to a lot of games, but the service gets stats from most of the teams across the nation and this season that enabled me to provide coverage of almost every game played in baseball and softball. The stats were uploaded by the schools to the service and then downloaded by me, which made it possible to put together an article and give the players the credit and publicity they deserve.

*** *In closing....* I also have to give thanks to the many parents, grandparents and photographers in the area that provided me with so many pictures from all the games. The digital age has changed the world of photography forever, and that has really opened up opportunities for small newspapers to bring the action to life. Thanks to Roberta Gideon, Cody Nichols, Speedy White, Heather Adcock, Ashley Bertsch, Cindy and Samantha Smith, and of course Mike and Colby Capps, with BC Sports Photography. Your caring and generosity is what makes sports special for the fans of the paper. I've always heard that a picture is worth a thousand words, and with all our helpers we can put thousands of extra words in every edition.

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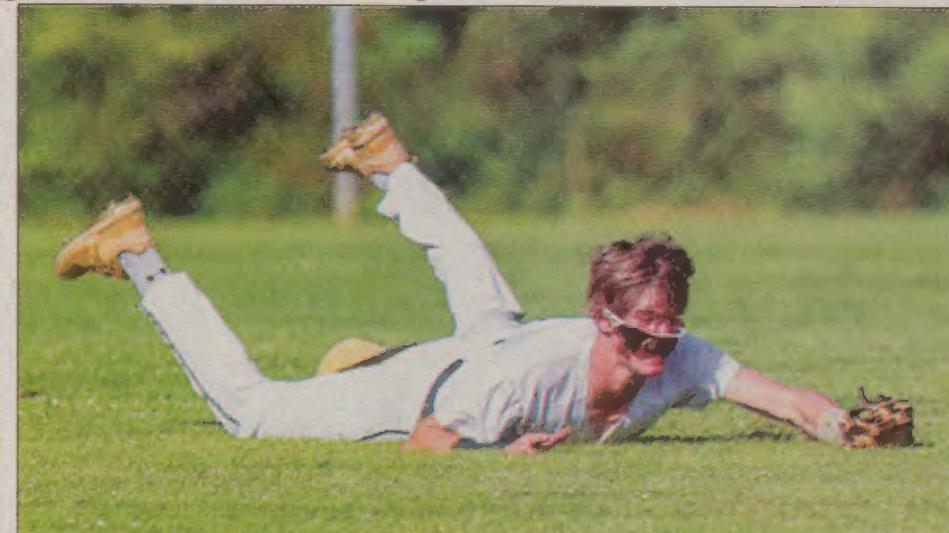
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In season finale

Tigers ground Squadron 15-5



Elba Tiger outfielder Peyton McCart dives to make a catch in last week's big 15-5 win over Highland Home.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

with three runs of their own

in the bottom of the frame,

sparked by hits by Whit Shehee, Paxton Wise and Peyton McCart, to increase their lead to 11-3 after four innings of play.

Highland Home staged a rally of its own in the top of the fifth to pull within 11-5, but Elba's bats never cooled down and ignited by a leadoff single by Collin Sauls, and a one-out single by Peyton McCart, the Tigers added two more

runs to carry a 13-5 lead

into the sixth inning.

Elba needed two runs in the bottom of the sixth to end the contest, and had no problem getting the runs it needed as an RBI double by Ty Sieving and an RBI single by Peyton McCart pushed the lead to 15-5 and ended the game due to the 10-run rule.

John Martin Wilson had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Peyton

McCart added 3 hits, 1 run scored and 3 RBI's;

Whit Shehee and Connor Burrow both added 2 hits,

2 runs scored and 1 RBI;

Paxton Wise added 2 hits, 1 run scored and 1 RBI and, Iverson Lane and Collin Sauls both added 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 RBI.

Collin Sauls pitched a complete game and allowed two earned runs on eight hits, with six strikeouts, to pick up the win on the mound.



Elba Lady Tiger Makinna Gray goes to her knees to stop a grounder and prepares to throw to first base in last week's area clash with G.W. Long. The Lady Tigers will open area tournament play on Tuesday, May 4, at 3:00 against Ariton, at G.W. Long.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Fall to G.W. Long

Lady Tigers drop area clash 12-1

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out area play last week with a disappointing 12-2 homefield loss to the Ariton Lady Cats.

Ariton combined three walks with an Elba error to jump out to an early 2-0 first inning lead, but the Lady Tigers bounced back in the second and used back-to-back doubles by Jaylyn Baker and Jayla

Gray to pull within 2-1.

The Lady Cats made the most of one hit in the top of the third to push their lead to 4-1, and then blew the game open in the fourth as they banged out seven hits, including a 3-run homer, to plate seven runs to take an 11-1 advantage.

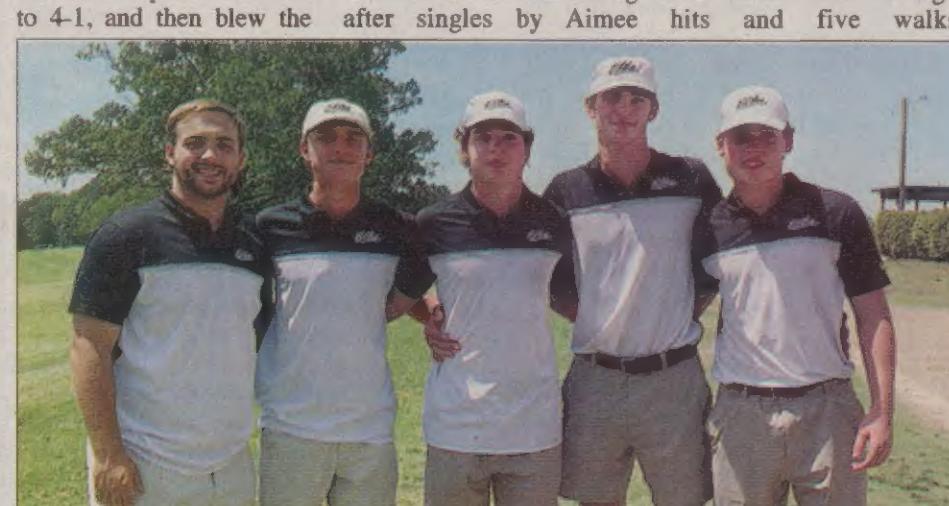
Jaylyn Baker blasted a solo homer in the bottom of the frame to cut the Lady Cats lead to 11-2, but Ariton used two walks and three Elba errors to carry a 12-2 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

Elba needed one run to keep the game alive, and appeared ready to do just that in their half of the inning after singles by Aimee

Senn, Anna Caldwell and Jayla Gray. However, the Lady Tigers left the bases loaded as Ariton claimed the 12-2 win.

Jaylyn Baker had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI to lead Elba at the plate, while Jayla Gray added 2 hits and 1 RBI, and Makinna Gray, Aimee Senn and Anna Caldwell all added one hit.

Ayrika Caldwell was tagged with the loss inside the circle as she allowed five earned runs on eight hits and five walks.



These Elba High golfers won their South Section 1 Sectionals event Monday, April 26, to advance to next week's Sub State event set for Tuesday, May 4th.

John Martin Wilson receives low medalist honors

Elba Golf Team wins Sectionals event held Monday

The Elba High School Golf Team brought home the win Monday, April 26, from the South Section 1 Sectionals held at the Andalusia Country Club.

Five teams competed for the 'top four' spots to advance to Sub State next week were: Elba [327], Brantley [337], Orange Beach [410], and Pleasant Home [418]. The top two teams at Sub State will move on to compete at the state tournament.

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Four individuals also advanced Monday to compete at next week's sub state event. They are Brantley's Jon Bush - shot 89 at Sectionals; St. Luke's Will Wallace - shot 91 at Sectionals; Washington County's Thomas Elmore - shot 94 at Sectionals; and Kinston's Blake Senn - shot 95 at Sectionals.

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Kinston Bulldog outfielder stretches to catch a fly ball in recent high school baseball action.
(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Tiger golfers drop match to Brantley

The Elba Tigers hosted the Brantley Bulldogs in a dual high school golf match last week with the Bulldogs coming out on top with a 308, compared to a 337 for the Tigers.

Tucker Kilcrease led the Bulldogs with a 74, followed by Carson Jones, Luke Kilcrease and Ethan Weed, all with identical rounds of 78. Walt Johnson fired a 93, while other Brantley Bulldog golfers competing as individuals included John Bush 86, Nate Burrow 86 and Dalton Daniels 92.

John Martin Wilson fired a 76 to lead the Tigers, while rounding out the team were Collin Sauls 82, Peyton McCart 83 and Paxton Wise 96. Carson Wise fired a 97, while other Elba Tiger golfers that competed as individuals included Jay Wilson 101 and Jordan Hammonds 113.

In Photo (left) Elba Tiger golf coach Mark Wicker presents plaque to senior golfer John Martin Wilson.

*** Baseball *** Softball *** DIAMOND DUST

Statistics by GameChanger

BASEBALL:

Brantley mashes McKenzie 15-0

The Brantley Bulldogs needed only three innings to post a lopsided 15-0 win over McKenzie. Tucker Kilcrease had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Ethan Weed added 2 hits, 1 run scored and 3 rbi's; Jon Bush, Jack Kennedy and Mark Nichols all added 1 hit, 2 runs scored and 1 rbi; and, Carson Jones added 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 rbi. Carson Jones was the winning pitcher as he tossed a three-inning two-hitter with four strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs tame Tigers 13-1

The Brantley Bulldogs completed the area sweep with a 13-1 win over the McKenzie Tigers. Jordan Parks had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Kayden Porter added 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 rbi; Dalton Daniels added 1 hit and 2 runs scored; and, Kaleb Weed and Tyson Grant both scored 3 runs. Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher, in relief, as he tossed one inning and allowed one hit.

Zion Chapel surprised by Samson 10-8

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an early 8-2 lead evaporate in a 10-8 loss to Samson. Paden Boothe had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Nate Braisted added 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 rbi; Bryce Watson added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Dayne Bannin and Mason Stuart both added 1 hit. Three Rebels pitchers combined to pitch six innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and nine walks.

Brantley Bulldogs batter Greenville 18-11

The Brantley Bulldogs spotted



Kinston senior pitcher Macie Smith
(photo by Samantha Smith)

SOFTBALL:

New Brockton ripped by G.W. Long 16-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 2-1 heading into the bottom of the second inning, but failed to keep up and lost to G.W. Long 16-1. Madison Meeks had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Megan Eldridge added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kiersten Sunday added 1 hit. A trip of New Brockton pitcher worked three and two-thirds innings and allowed ten earned runs on 11 hits and four walks.

Brantley popped by Prattville Chr. 6-3

Class 1A's top-ranked Brantley Lady Bulldogs and Class 3A's top-ranked Prattville Christian Lady Panthers tied up last week in Brantley and played long ball in a 6-3 Lady Panthers win. Ainsley Watts had 1 hit, a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Kayden Dunn added a 2-run homer, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Kayley Navaree added 1 hit. Riley Sweeny hit a pair of 3-run homers to account for all the Prattville Christian runs. Two Brantley pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs on five hits and five walks.

Lose area matchup against Pleasant Home

In 1A playoffs

Kinston sweeps Choctaw County

Statistics by GameChanger

The Kinston Bulldogs gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about Friday afternoon in the opening round of the Class 1A high school baseball playoffs as they swept the Choctaw County Tigers 18-0 and 14-6 to advance to second round action.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late as they combined 11 hits with 8 walks to tame the Tigers 18-0 in the first game of the doubleheader. Owen Patterson had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 4 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Konner Walker added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Hunter Hughes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Cale Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Cade Jones added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Cale Sumblin pitched a complete game one-hitter with 11 strikeouts to pick up the win on the mound.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and turned back a mild Tiger rally as they combined 14 hits with 7 walks and 8 Tiger errors to close out the twin bill with a 14-6 win. Cale Sumblin had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Owen Patterson added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; J.W. Mikel added 2 hits and 1 rbi; Hunter Hughes added

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